You can't call yourself a Christian unless you are committed core Christian doctrine. You can't be committed to the doctrine without understanding the **dogma**.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THAT SHOULD BE CALLED DOGMA?

REVIEW:

- The Bible is the inerrant, authoritative Word of God.
- There is one God existing as Trinity.
- God the Father knows what's best, gets his way, and chose to make you. TODAY, WE CONSIDER THE FOURTH POINT. WHO IS JESUS?

DOGMA: JESUS CHRIST

John 1:1-5 & 14-18 (p. 736)

ILL: BIBLE STUDY WITH LAURA / THE SON IS GOD!
THE WORD = "ONLY BEGOTTEN" = JESUS CHRIST = GOD WITH THE FATHER

John 20:24-31 (p. 754)

JESUS. THEIR FRIEND CLAIMED TO BE GOD AND NOW STOOD BEFORE THEM RESURRECTED!

THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION CAUSED THEM TO RETHINK GOD AND WORSHIP JESUS. LIKE THE TRINITY, BEST APPROACH IS NOT TO EXPLAIN THE TWO NATURES BUT TO ASSERT THEM

Whatever is essential to being God, whatever is essential to

being human, **| e s u s** is **b o t h**!

THE STATEMENT

Jesus Christ is God's one and only Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. He died as a substitutionary atoning sacrifice, was resurrected bodily, ascended into heaven, continually intercedes for His people, and will return to earth personally and visibly to establish his Father's Kingdom. (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:20, Matthew 24:30, John 1:14, John 20:24-28, Romans 8:34, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 1 Corinthians 15:23-28, Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 1:2-3, 1 John 1:7).

LCC Statement of Faith

JESUS IS...

... the divine, eternal **S o n** ...

For God so loved the world, that he gave his <u>only begotten Son</u>, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 KJV

For God so loved the world that he gave his <u>one and only Son</u>, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV

ON MONOGENES • GENNAO: BEGET • GINOMAI: BECOME, BE • "BEGOTTEN" OR MADE? (CF. JN 1:1)
THE SON IS AN ETERNAL OUTFLOW OF THE FATHER.

... wrapped in **full humanity** ...

Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 815)

NEW NIV SAYS "DID NOT CONSIDER... SOMETHING TO BE USED TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE." JESUS "EMPTIED HIMSELF" AND TOOK ON A NEW NATURE

And if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matthew 12:27-28

... I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

John 8:28

... sinless atoning substitute & present **a d v o c a t e** ...

ILL: DAY OF ATONEMENT & SCAPEGOAT

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

ILL: PUNCH A PILLOW WHEN MAD? PUNCH JESUS! NOT WORTHY? FORGIVE! / HE IS ATONEMENT HIS WORK AS ADVOCATE DEPENDS ON HIS WORK OF ATONEMENT

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

... coming **K i n g** ...

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Matthew 24:30-31

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion... When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

1 Corinthians 15:24-28

TAKE IT HOME: PRACTICAL THINGS

- The Son bridges the gaps (people with God & people with people).
- The Son establishes the Father's Kingdom (first in our hearts / later in the cosmos).
- The Son takes the Father's will and makes it real.

EVERY REALITY OF GOD'S WILL COMES THROUGH JESUS.

If you have the Son, he will do those things in you!

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